

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Headlines**

**Secretary Elaine Chao unveils new website for people with disabilities.** A new website for persons with disabilities was announced at the New Freedom Initiative Celebration during the National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The site first of its kind will provide individuals with one-stop access to government disability information and resources. To download the notice, visit:  
<http://www.disabilityinfo.gov>.

**HUD announced YouthBuild grants.** HUD has awarded nearly \$60 million in grants to 35 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U. S Virgin Islands. The grants are part of HUD's YouthBuild program to provide job training, leadership skills and academic schooling to an estimated 3,700 low-income at-risk youth. To download the list of grantees, visit:  
<http://www.hud.gov/news/releasedocs/youthbuild02/grants.pdf>

**Verizon provides funds for minority and disadvantaged individuals.** The Verizon Foundation has awarded \$1 million in grants to 26 California non-profit organizations for literacy and workforce development programs that serve low-income, minority and disadvantaged individuals in the greater Los Angeles area. To obtain a listing of the grantees go to:  
<http://newscenter.verizon.com/relatives/18007.doc>

### **Upcoming Events:**

The "[Collaborating for Violence Prevention and Promoting Peace](http://www.nfcvp.org/home/)" will sponsor a National Immersion Training Forum. A training session will be held in December 12-14, 2002 in Washington DC. Teams of practitioners will engage in capacities building session's to implement comprehensive violence prevention strategies. To learn more about the training conference and the first National Immersion Training on Engaging Citizens in Violence Prevention efforts go to:  
<http://www.nfcvp.org/home/>

**The National League of Cities (NLC) announces two youth focused audio conferences.** The November conference will highlight how community programs and policies can provide positive options for some of the most vulnerable youth in their cities/towns. In December, speakers will discuss the topic of youth leadership, and strategies that will improve youth policies and outcomes. Space is limited interested parties should register early. To register send your name, title, organization, mailing address, telephone, e-mail and fax by e-mail to [rpd1@nlc.org](mailto:rpd1@nlc.org) or by fax to IYEF at 202/626-3043. For more information e-mail: [rpd1@nlc.org](mailto:rpd1@nlc.org).

**Youth Development Apprenticeship Implementation Grantee Meeting.** The Office of Youth Services at DOL and the Sar Levitan Center will convene a two-day meeting December 3-4 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for local Youth Development Practitioner Apprenticeship Implementation grantees. The meeting will provide a forum for grantees to share ideas and engage in discussions about registration of apprentices and other issues associated with the apprenticeship project. The meeting is only open to current local apprenticeship implementation grantees. For more information contact Brenda McLaughlin at 410-516-8882.

### ***Program Spotlight***

**Lewis Hine Award Recipient.** Dr. Mary Jean Longley received the national Lewis Hine Award for Service to Children and Youth in recognition for her leadership and work with youth in the Cook Inlet Tribal Council Youth Opportunity Grant. Dr. Longley is one of ten recipients of the 2002 Lewis Hine Award for Service to Children and Youth.

### ***Funding Opportunities***

**Open Meadows Foundation offers funds for Women and Girls projects.** The foundation provides grants of up to \$2,000 to cover start-up expenses or to support ongoing projects. Projects focusing on indigenous women or young women activists may also receive funds. Open Meadows does not fund individuals, fellowships, or scholarships. For further information, visit the foundation's Web site at: [openmeadows@igc.org](mailto:openmeadows@igc.org) or contact their office via telephone (718) 768-4015. Deadlines for applications are: February 15 and August 15, 2003 annually.

**National 4-H Council announces Grants.** Several grant opportunities are available through the National 4-H Council for young people and adults that focus on critical issues affecting their lives, families, and communities. Interested parties should visit their website at (<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/>). Deadline for these grants varies.

Also, Kraft Foods has provided the National 4-H funds to award local grants up to \$8,000 to develop or expand innovative programs that partner youth between the ages of five and twelve with adults to reverse this trend. Deadline for grant applications is November 4, 2002.

### ***Publications/Reports/Resource***

**Promising Practices in Community College-Centered Workforce Development Building a Career Pathway System.** Workforce Strategy Center has published a report highlighting promising practices and partnerships in community college programs. The report examines issues and promising practices for career pathway models, strategic partnerships, and state involvement in community college programs". The report is on line at [http://www.workforcestrategy.org/publications/Career\\_Pathways.pdf](http://www.workforcestrategy.org/publications/Career_Pathways.pdf).

**Alliance for Excellent Education publishes article entitled.” [Left Behind: Six Million At-Risk Secondary Students](http://www.all4ed.org/publications/IssueBriefs.html).** In September, the Alliance for education published a report highlighting the numbers of students that receive certificates of attendance and the significant number of youth that are at risk of leaving high school. The report cites that approximately 6 million students in middle and high schools are reading significantly below grade level and are at risk of leaving school without a diploma or graduating from high school unprepared for college or a career. The report is located online at: <http://www.all4ed.org/publications/IssueBriefs.html>

**The National Funding Collaborative on Violence Prevention (NFCVP) publishes documents on violence prevention.** NFCVP has collected important information that has strong implications for key players in the violence prevention field—such as practitioners, grant makers, and policymakers. For information go to: <http://www.nfcvp.org/resources.html>.

### ***Calendar of Events***

**November 5 – 7. Peer-to-Peer - Healthy Emotional and Psychological Development of Our Youth, Denver, CO.** For more information, contact Christina Lo (202) 693-3599 or email: [clo@doleta.gov](mailto:clo@doleta.gov). *For Youth Opportunity Grantees Only.*

**November 5 – 7. Peer-to-Peer - Community Service Learning, Milwaukee, WI.** For more information, contact Ann Stom, (202) 693-3377 or email: [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov). *For Youth Opportunity Grantees Only.*

**November 12-15. DOL -Office of Youth Services Planning Meeting, Chicago, IL.** National and Regional office staff will participate in a planning meeting to develop WIA youth training and technical assistance needs and develop action plans for implementation in 2003.

**November 14-15. Austin, TX, Youth Change. Breakthrough Strategies to Teach and Counsel Troubled Youth.** Contact: (800) 545-5736, [www.youthchg.com](http://www.youthchg.com).

**November 18-19. Philadelphia, PA. The Drucker Foundation sponsors** 2002 Leadership and Management Conference. Contact: (212) 224-1174, [www.drucker.org](http://www.drucker.org).

**November 20-23. 2002 Annual Conference of the National Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Prevention, San Diego, CA.** For more information, visit: <http://www.noapp.org/services/Conference/conference.htm>.

**December 3-4. DOL- Youth Development Apprenticeship (YDPA) Implementation Grantee Meeting, Milwaukee, WI.** *For local YDPA grantees only.* YDPA local grantees should contact Brenda McLaughlin at 410-516-8882.

**December 4-6. DOL Region 1 - WIA Learning Exchange for Youth Services, New Haven, Connecticut.** *For Local Workforce Investment Boards and Youth Councils in DOL Region 1.* For more information, contact Tracy Schmidt at 202-775-9731 or visit: <http://ditassociates.com/WIAExchangeCT/faqs.cfm>.

**December 5-6. Atlanta, GA.** Breakthrough Strategies to Teach and Counsel Troubled Youth. Contact: (800) 545-5736, or visit: [www.youthchg.com](http://www.youthchg.com).

**December 10-11. Workforce Alliance's 2002 National Conference: Advocating for Training Under the Reauthorization, Washington, DC.** For more information, visit: [http://www.workforcealliance.org/network/December\\_2002\\_Conference/Conference\\_homepage.shtm](http://www.workforcealliance.org/network/December_2002_Conference/Conference_homepage.shtm).

January 17. **Entries due for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Film Contest.** For more information, contact Ann Stom at [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov). *For Youth Opportunity Grantees Only.*

**February 6. Richmond, VA-Prevent Child Abuse Virginia.** Working with Cognitively Challenged Parents. Contact: (804) 359-6166, or visit: [www.preventchildabuseva.org](http://www.preventchildabuseva.org).

**February 15-18 – Anaheim, CA.** National Crime Prevention Council. National Youth Summit on Preventing Violence. Contact: (202) 261-4165, or visit: [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).

**April 27 – 29, 2003. Rural Conference 2003 – Bigger and Better!** For more information, contact Kris Latimer at 541-928-0241, ext. 219, or e-mail: [kris@tocowa.org](mailto:kris@tocowa.org), <http://www.tocowa.org>.

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**Youth Resource Connections** provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377 or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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